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General Otis is not very quick to recognize rebel governments. A little nearsighted, perhaps.

Whatever military promotion the govern ment may give Colonel Funston the people will say he has earned it.

The American casualties in the Philippines from Feb. 4 to April 28 were 198 killed and 1,111 wounded. One brigade lost more than this in a single battle of the civil war

"The white flag" stage of the campaign having been reached in Luzon, the Aguinaldo contingents in the United States should ask for an armistice of an indefinite

That was a good point of General Otis's that if Aguinaldo could make war without his Congress he could stop it without reference to that body. There was no getting away from that.

The "Little Americans" who have bee among our troops in the Philippines w have no share or lot in the victory that about to crown our arms

America's debt of gratitude to her heroi soldiers in the Philippines can only be fairly estimated by contemplating the disaster that would have come upon us if they had failed and the disgrace if they had flunked.

The champions of Aguinaldo in this cour try have cause for disgust in the intelli gence that the natives and property owners in San Fernando have appealed to the Americans to occupy the city in order stop the plundering of the insurgents.

The victim of Mrs. George was tried rath er than the woman arraigned for the crime acquittal was the result. Whi such a result, considering the

Colonel Moulton, of the Second Illinoi Regiment, which has just returned from Cuba, thinks the Cubans will be capable self-government after a reasonable training. He says he expects to American troops remain on the Island two or three years, and that arnexais the ultimate solution.

The public will be somewhat surprised hear that Controller of the Currency Chas. G. Dawes is in Chicago to make arrangements for opening a branch of the bureau of the Republican national committee and set other political machinery in operation. It has been supposed that the duties of the controller of the currency were in Wash-

In the issum of Harper's Weekly of last week the adm istration policy toward the Philippines was condemned in an editorial. In the same issue its Manila correspondent declares that the natives are unfit for selfand that the United States should control the islands. The opinion of the ground is probably the

The United States Signal Office seems telegraphic communication between the military authorities and the government. This work is not as brilliant and dramatic as the winning of battles, but it is a very importat feature of war.

The volunteers who remained in the Phildeath" and able to witness the triumph of for peace. The medals which they will receive from the government will be valued heirlooms in their families for generations.

commission appointed by the government has arrived in Nev een doing a large business was well understood at of German companies, though other reasons for it were assigned by the government. In retaliation several States of the Union, including New York, denied the Prussian fire companies the privilege of doing within their bounds. Since that has been a good deal of dipl correspondence relative to restoring of affairs, and the outcome Prussian government commenced the boy cott it would seem that the first step to wards restoring the old condition should be the repeal of the Prussian decree against the American companies.

Lost week there was a large meeting large and growing organization. Perhaps

Kansas City, who virtually admitted that a | Hay. If he does learn of this indorsement bishop would be a most useful man in that church. He did not use the word "bishop." but spoke of the advantage which might be which is the same thing, "to protect our principles, but if the need comes, as when churches against bad preachers and the preachers against bad churches." Mr. Richardson further declared that "we are leaving our churches defenseless to-day; we are leaving them to the wolves; I am not so much afraid of ecclesiasticism as of the false independency that is ruining thousands of our churches to-day." This is a | can be eliminated. Noncombatants are not remarkable admission for a minister of a lalways advocates of peace. It all depends church which believes that "the congregation is the unit," but the report says that the expression received generous applause A supervisor of churches with power to prevent unfit men from being made pastors would prevent a large part of the quarrels which so frequently disgrace religion and destroy the usefulness of churches under the or sixteen-page paper a TWO-CENT postage

#### congregational system.

AMERICAN MILITARISM.

The misinformed and unpatriotic Ameri-

should hold a meeting and adopt resolusome imaginary conspiracy for the dissoan Eastern and Western confederacy, or dent McKinley's desire to make himself | English poet wrote: dictator for life-they would not be a whit more foolish than the people who are talking about militarism. The essence of militarism is the subordination of civil to military government and the maintenance of national power by means of standing armies. That system prevails in Germany, where, in order to maintain a standing army of 562,000 men in time of peace and a war strength of 3,000,000 trained soldiers, every able-bodied German, unless exempted years in the infantry or three years in the cavalry and field artillery. Under this system, out of about 360,000 young are physically fit and legally liable to serve each year on the completion of their twentieth year, 60,000 are annually drafted into the army. All the able-bodied men between the ages of seventeen and forty-five who are not in the standing army are enrolled i the Landsturm and subject to military or ders at any moment. This system prevails and dominates every department of German life. The whole political and social fabric of the Empire rests upon it, and a the touch of a button the Emperor by vine right can set the machine in motion and put in the field an army of 3,000,000 men to the neglect and perhaps the ruin every peaceful industry in Germany. It unnecessary to say that no person thinks of establishing any such system in the

The only militarism we have or are likely to have in this country is the volunteer system by which armies are raised from the ranks of citizens. If these armies go abroad they become propagandists of civilization advance agents of prosperity sentatives of good government, as they hav recently in Cuba and Porto Rico, and wil soon be in the Philippines. No one can not the work the Americans have done and are doing in Cuba and Porto Rico without ad mitting that militarism as it is understood and practiced in this country is a nursery of progress and a school of civilization. The kind of militarism that postoffices and schools, builds roads, stamps out disease, enforces sanitary regulations suppresses brigandage and establishes government, law and order, will never hur anybody. That is American militarism.

### WOMEN AND PEACE.

In an address to the Society of th

Daughters of the Revolution, last Sunday,

by Archdeacon Brady, of Philadelphia, he

extolled the loyal devotion of American women to the ideals of right and justice, which, he said, inspired "Action." he said, "is the breath of life yet those women of the Revolution had sit back and wait. The palm of victory longs to those who inspired and remained behind." The 'same loyalty and devotion were manifested in the civil war. When husbands and sons and brothers went their country's battles women looked on with sad hearts, but made no effort to old their soldiers back. On the contrary and courage and determination less extent the same spirit has been shown by American women in the war against Spain-less, simply because there was so strenuous a demand upon their sympathies and energies, and not because the advanced beyond it, but when the men go to battle the women are still with them There was a flourishing peace society a few years ago, and, as it happened, there was such an apparent truce among nations at the time that the organization felt highly elated and congratulated itself and the on the probability that all bloody strife was ended. Then, suddenly, fierce contentions arose here and there, armies were assembled, and Japan and China, with Russia in the background, were in battle array; later, Greece and Turkey, then Engand France and the tribes of the Sudan, and, finally, our own land and Spain. Then, after a few spasmodic signs of life the Peace Society went into retirement and poasted no more. But presently came the urged disarmament. No doubt he is, personally and from principle, in favor of peace, but neither the history of Russia nor the present conditions encourage the belief that Russia, as a nation, desires or is ready to accept such a policy. At present pose to expand are misleading. Nevertheng at The Hague, in May, will have repreable, but if the conference should give the be accomplished. And the promoter of the gathering, the Czar, will have the satisfac-

of his plan he will, no doubt, be gratified, but let him not take it as an indication that American women are for peace at any cost. They disapprove of war on general an enemy trespasses on their own territory, urge them on. Human nature, which includes feminine nature, needs a great deal of modification before the fighting spirit on circumstances.

#### GOVERNMENT BY JUNTA.

The American reading public has heard service. cans who are denouncing "the new policy of | The Spaniards, the Cubans, the Central and of early settlers, their trials and triumphs intrigue or a conspiracy. The word has istence they need not go far to find it. tions deprecating the growth of monarchical | never been used in English or American hisideas in the United States, or condemning | tory except in a condemnatory or odious sense. In the reigns of William III and lution of the Union and the formation of Queen Anne, of England, it was applied to a group of leading Whig politicians who ruled expressing alarm at the evidences of Presi- by arbitrary methods, and of whom an

In dark cabals and mighty juntos met. At that time, by the way, the word had recently been borrowed from the Spanish language and was erroneously spelled junto instead of junta. So it was in early American history, when the term Essex junto was applied, about 1781, to a group of exwith Essex county, Massachusetts. Later the name was applied to the Federalists in general and it helped to bring that party into popular disrepute.

For a long time the American people heard nothing of juntas, but since the beginning of the Cuban war they have been much in evidence. For months before the began the so-called Cuban government was United States. The principal business of both was to foment trouble, misrepresent facts and disseminate lies. Incidentally the Cuban junta in the United States made constant appeals for money and raised considerable sums which were spent in some mysterious way without ever being accounted for. If the Cuban junta in the United States was of any use to the Cuban cause the fact has never appeared, yet when the Spaniards were driven out of Cuba by States army and navy, the junta claimed the lion's share of credit. The Cuban Assembly which obstructed the pacification of Cuba for several months was a branch of the junta. In the Philippines Aguinaldo and his followers represent a junta government which has one branch in Hong-Kong and another in Europe, dividing its time between London and Paris. A peculiarity of the junta is that it does not need to have any local habitation, and when one junta is destroyed or retires from other takes its place. lobster replace themselves by new growth. From a political point of view the peculiar feature of junta government as it exists in Latin-American nations is that it is spontaneous, self-created, self-appointed, selfelected, above the people, yet not of the people, exercising large authority power, government of the many by a few and for a few, arbitrary, whimsical, irresponsible, untrustworthy, powerless for good and potent for mischief. The only single word that can describe that kind of gov-Spanish to the English language. It is to be hoped that with the passing of the may have heard the last of juntas and junta

# CLUBS AND CLUBS.

The so-called literary club which has been such a feature of intellectual life in all parts remarked that the club had "gone to seed." This is not a fair verdict, for it has cerly the women, who compose the memberan every-day matter. Naturally, the efly defined by the term "literary"- a term abstruse and remote topics which even scholars and specialists might hesitate to ally strong attendance dwindles and the club is kept alive with an effort. It is cial gifts, which can make from its own resources a distinct and inspiring intellectual atmosphere. It means the possession of varied talents, of expert knowledge, of scholarship, breadth of view, originality, and other qualities not frequently repreundertake special lines of investigation not beyond the powers of any intelligent, earnest person are those that are a genuine inmay take the world for their theme, as velopments of science in its "popular" tory, and this is perhaps the most satiscan engage. History properly studied involves so much of patriotism, heroism, romance and biography, and has so great a to have official prestige and a reasonable and history clubs are becoming numerous.

was made by Rev. W. F. Richardson, of it should go through the hands of Secretary | programme has been kindly sent to the For the first year's study it has wisely taken up the history of our own country, and in the year will cover the ground between the discovery by Columbus and the beginning of the Revolutionary war. The membership is composed of the leading men and women of the town, and it is safe to say that the new thoughts they will gain concerning American institutions will not only interest them, but will make them better, because more enlightened citizens Americans are patriotic, but it is not always an intelligent patriotism which animates them. There is none too great a familiarity with their national history, and the clubs of this class are doing a very definite public

more of juntas during the last year or two | There is an excellent field, also, for local than in all our previous history. It will be | history clubs. Each county has its trawell when we cease to hear of them. The ditions which are rapidly becoming vague to for want of verification and chronicle. The American ideas, both being Spanish. To history of the State has never been writ-Latin-Americans it represents a legitimate | ten in its completeness. This is a day when political method, but to English-speaking | people are taking a proper interest in anpeoples it carries an opprobrious meaning. cestry, and whoever searches out the stories South Americans and the Filipinos manage and puts them on paper, is contributing everything by a junta. In the English lan- | chapters of value to local records. If clubs number of alarmed and hysterical citizens | guage it represents a cabal, a faction, an | seek a distinct and worthy excuse for ex-

### SPEAKING OF THE MONUMENT.

Not long since the Journal suggested the

propriety and desirability of having the remaining sculptural work for the soldiers' monument put into the hands of American artists. However favorably the public may The puzzling sons of party next appeared, regard the great groups now in place, there is no doubt that much disappointment was felt when a foreigner was engaged to furnish the designs for them, the more so that the ideas to be brought out were so distinctively American and that the services of any one of several American sculptors of distinction might have been secured. treme Federalist leaders mostly connected | There was also the feeling when the contract went to Schmitz that as he was an had constructed the shaft he would be more likely than another to bring the parts to be added into proper proportions, but, as cisms made, both by artists and by lay obof noted there is no such enthusiastic and irrepressiadmiration for these arouses in all classes of spectators. But the Journal has no disposition to criticise the work now finished. It merely wishes to smaller groups designed by American sculptors who have made and are making great names for themselves. The monument commission has, it is true, ad vertised for bids for this work, but up to time, we believe, press, and not in the art journals. Without discussing the propriety of advertising for of competition, it certainly seems desirable means, if only for advisory purposes. This easily be done. The National Sculpture Society, of which J. Q. A. Ward is president, and of which all the leading sculptors of the country are members, has and their aid that the decorations of this building are so highly artistic and so greatly admired. Surely it is worth while to have advice from this quarter in regard to the finishing touches which may add or detract so much from the beauty of our great war memorial.

The outside world hears little of abroad and the secret detective is omnipresent. Heretofore the hostile element has been are reports of revolutionary agitation in the along socialistic lines. Troops have been sent to those districts to put down local insurrections. Hundreds of strikers have been in the cities, famine is consuming the agricultural people over wide areas. While Russia has displayed great panding its territory, it has given no atten masses. No people, according to ability to pay, is so heavily taxed to further the ambiimmense Siberian railroad, designed for national aggrandizement, is and probably always will be the cause of a large national outlay. It has borrowed to the limit that it Thus internally weak, Russia is rather forced to ask the nations to agree to stop

The bill which the New York Legislature has passed providing for the taxation of franchises is the most important legislation upon the subject which has been atchise will be based upon the quotations of the company's stock. The value thus obin New York which has hitherto escaped taxation

Professor Briggs, who, as the advocate of higher criticism in Union Theological Semnew relations in the Episcopal Church. While he has passed the tests of the bishops, examining chaplains and the standing committees of the diocese of New York for his advancement to the priesthood. he meets with a new check in the objection of Dr. Clendenin, rector of the church in which Professor Briggs is to be ordained as priest. He charges that Professor Briggs is a destroyer of the inspiration of the Bible Dr. Clendenin takes exception to the dec laration of Professor Briggs that "the church needs a greater reformation than it has yet enjoyed." He thinks the church, meaning his own, is now and has long been quite perfect. In his protest against the

of some ancient reformers of the great church as follows:

These are the types of men, then, who are coming to restore to purity the great of which you are a loved and honored bishop. Luther, who broke his own vows and led a woman to break her vows, who threw truth and morality to the winds and cast with scorn St. James from the canons of Scripture for teaching the necessity of good works and a good life; Calvin, the author of the monstrous misconception and heresy which bears his name. These are the kind of men Dr. Briggs holds are coming to "prepare the bride for the bride-

The men who caused Professor Briggs to retire from the Presbyterian Church did so because he was not in accord with the successors of Luther and Calvin.

It is probable that Governor Roosevelt regards Colonel Funston's life as sufficiently "strenuous" for all practical purposes.

#### BUBBLES IN THE AIR.

True Prophecy. Mrs. Peck-I don't seem to be at myself to-day.

N. Peck-In which case, it is safe to presume, you will soon be at me. Agin It.

"Durn this baseball!" said the Georgian. "What do you care about baseball?" asked the other Georgia citizen, idly twirling the cane he had manufactured from a piece of hickory and a "niggah's" thigh-

"It is keeping us out of the papahs, sah, Our lynchings ah not getting more than half a colyumn these days."

### A Voice.

An Orator was discoursing on subjects political until his Nose Glowed Like a Beacon. "I am afraid of Neither Fire nor Water!" he shouted.

"Nor," said a convenient Voice in the Rear of the Hall, "of Both." This fable teaches that an alleged voice s a good thing to help the paragraph man make his point.

#### Answered the Question.

"What do you do for a living?" asked the awyer, frowning horribly at the hatchetfaced young man undergoing cross-exam-

"I, sir," answered the witness, hastily diving into his side pocket, "am the agent for Dr. Korker's Cleberated Corn and Bunion Destroyer; greatest remedy of the age; used by all the growned heads of Europe; never known to fail to remove the most obstinate corn in less than twenty-four hours or money cheerfully refund---' Here the court interfered.

#### NEW INVENTIONS.

A Kentuckian has patented a piano hammer which has a disk of felt carried by a pair of curved fingers set in a tapering tube, with a nut at the opposite end to tighten the fingers, the disk being turned around as it wears.

A Texan has patented a machine which will crack nuts of any size or shape, consisting of two jaws suspended to permit of vertical movement, which is obtained by pair of cams operated by a lever at the side of the machine

Floor sweepings are easily taken up by a new dustpan, which rests in a depression cut in the floor, the edges being flush with the floor and allowing the dirt to be swept in without the necessity of stooping to hold he pan with the hand.

An Englishman has designed a ventilated shoe for summer wear which has the upper formed of two pieces, with strips cut to interlace each other at right angles, forming advantage. loose lace work, which admits air to the

top and sides of the foot. A handy nipple grip for tightening bicycle spokes is formed of a hollow cylinder, closed at each end, with tapering slots cut n the caps to fit the nipple and a conecting slot in the side of the cylinder to allow

the admission of the spoke. In a new automatic spring fishhook two pairs of steel wires, having hooked and pointed ends, are pivoted together in such a position that half of the ends act as bait-holders, and the rest are set to grip the fish as soon as it bites.

Cigarettes can be quickly made with a new pocket machine which carries the tobacco inside and has a projecting tube around which the paper is wrapped, with plunger to pack it, the latter sliding into the casing when not in use

To prevent the lines from getting caught under the pole of a vehicle a rein guard is formed of a piece of wire bent into a spring to be attached to the pole near the surrounding the point and guarding the lines from catching under it.

For use in assisting vehicles off car tracks carry an arm, which is raised and lowered by a lever near the seat, a shoe being fixed at the end of the arm to be dropped into the track and lift the wheel out. A New York inventor has patented a fire escape which is out of sight when not in

use and does not occupy extra space in the room, consisting of a casing to be attached to the under side of a chair, carrying a reel on which the rope ladder is wound A reversible tie has been placed on

market, having sides of different color or material, with the central portion of each side formed of a raised and padded strip, which covers the ends of the straps and To assist in holding the hat on the head

Westerner has designed a pin to be inserted in the sweat band, with a spring bow to engage the ear, the two being connected by a rubber cord or spring which hangs loose until the hat is lifted a short distance. An Australian has designed a fire escape

in which the speed of descent is regulated by levers mounted on the drum on which the rope is wound, friction plates being attached to the levers to press against the In an improved method of attaching

cycle tires to the rims a strip of wire is threaded inside the tire, with curved fingers at the ends of the wire pivoted to a central stem in the valve, the latter being tightened by the valve cap to hold the wire in place. In an improved water-proof hat for coachmen's use a shellac-coated body is covered with a layer of broadcloth, having a vulcan-

ized layer of rubber on its under side and emented to the body by the shellac and vulcanized rubber of the adjacent surfaces. The section of stovepipe which enters a chimney is securely locked in position by an Illinois inventor's device, comprising a clamp to engage the inner and outer surface of the chimney, a split ring being carried by the clamp to surround the end of the

finger ring, with a projection on the side having a sharp cutting blade at the bottom, the device being stamped out of one piece of flat metal, with one end bent to form the To illustrate the phenomena of thunder and lightning an apparatus has been de-

Package wrappers will appreciate a new-

y-patented twine cutter, in the shape of a

signed which accumulates the force in a suitable holder from a small generator, discharging it from a flat plate suspended horizontally to objects placed on a platform below. In a newly-designed baby carriage and rocker combined the body is suspended by

horizontal springs carried by two vertical

posts attached to the running gear, with a

handle extending to the rear and pivoted on the frame by which the body can be rocked. An electric switch has been designed with a quantity of liquid is placed to submerge the terminals of the switch when it is in a raised position, by allowing the liquid to

flow into a casing in which the terminals A Southerner has designed a game ap paratus similar to tenpins, differing only in naving the ball suspended on a cord over balls and around a post set in one corner of the central part. the board, knocking the pins down as it

swings back. Boats can be propelled and steered by an Ohio man's device, comprising a shaft, with propeller blades at one end, set in a casing pivoted at the rear of the boat, the inner end of the shaft having a small gear wheel which meshes with a large wheel to be revolved by hand and drive the boat.

The hulls of ships are cleaned without placing them in dry docks by the use a Pennsylvanian's apparatus, a series of

with anchors to hold them in place as the boat is driven back and forth through the chain.

Two Virginians have patented a cigar which a leaf stem is inserted in the center to impart its fragrance to the filler, the stem being withdrawn when the cigar is

Doors can be fitted with a new automatic weather strip which shuts down over the sill when the door is closed and rises to low it to swing free when it is opened, the strip being hinged to the face of the door, with a projection which swings it down as the door shuts.

Deaf persons will appreciate a new telephone designed to aid their hearing, having a small receiver to be attached to the coat lapel, with wires running to a small generator in the pocket and thence to the ear, ending in an artificial drum to be placed inside the ear.

Tooth and other powder can be easily distributed from a newly-designed can, which has a wheel mounted in the neck, with its teeth extending below the lower end and above the top, causing it to revolve | He wanted to see em put away right." when drawn over the article on which the powder is to be deposited.

A valise handle has been designed by an Indiana man which can be detached when desired, a flat strip of steel being curved to form the handle, with its ends bent into hooks, which engage rings on the satchel with a spring strip engaging the ends of the hooks to hold them in place.

To indicate the time of each collection from a mail box a new attachment has a series of cards arranged in a receptacle, with a lever connected to the door to pu down the front card at each collection and replace it at the back, with the times of

collection printed on the cards. An Australian has patented a novel mech anism for attachment to vehicles, the bumping on rough roads being utilized to assist in propulsion by placing ratchets on the hubs and connecting them by rods to either end of the vehicle body, so that its movement will turn the ratchet wheels.

#### LITERARY NOTES.

Miss Braddon's newly written novel bears the suggesitve title, "The Infidel." The house at The Hague, in which Spinoza lived for so many years has been purchased by subscription, and has lately been furnished and opened as a Spinoza Museum. "Child Rhymes," the book of James Whitomb Riley, with illustrations by Will Vaw-

ter, that was published in December, has

reached its twelfth thousand. One of the books to be published next autumn, probably at that time in view of the Paris exposition of 1900, will be "The European Tour," by Grant Allen.

Mr. Booth Tarkington's "Gentleman from ndiana" starts out entertainingly in the May number of McClure's Magazine. The story has plenty of action. The hero, a village newspaper editor, has an encounter with White Caps and rescues a fair maiden from peril in the opening chapter, leaving the reader properly interested in what is to come next.

The mystery in English literary circles as to the identity of "Fiona Macleod" brings the suggestion from Mr. Alden that she is one of the many incarnations of the mytaical Andrew Lang. "If it be true," he adds that there is no such man as 'Andrew Lang,' and that the work supposed to be done by him is done by an association of authors, what is more natural than to suppose that the same association works under other names than that of Andrew Lang?" Justin McCarthy says, in the Youth's Companion: "I think that we must allow melody and all else, Tennyson was the greatest English poet of our time. My own sympathies, intellectual and personal, went rather with Browning. James Russell Lowell said to me in his Cambridge home, many years ago, that he thought Browning had started with the larger outfit, but did not

Writing in the Boston Globe, a journalist, who has every appearance of being well insays that Rudyard Kipling is now receiving from £15,000 to £20,000 yearly from his royalties and his literary work generally. At the same time he is said to spend more than £2,000 per annum. This is prudence with a vengeance, and the credit for it is largely ascribed to Mrs. Kipling, who is spoken of as an excellent financier having inherited a talent for finances from

the Balestiers. A good deal having been said in literary journals lately about the advantages of lishers, a writer in the New York Times, who signs himself "One of the Three. makes the point that the literary agent will add one more middleman "between the author and the public. "There were," he says, 'already two-publisher and booksellernow there will be three. Must not this ad dition necessarily lessen the profits hitherto divided by three, but now to be shared by

It is said that Rudyard Kipling's suit for \$25,000 damages against G. P. Putnam's Sons, alleging violation of copyright, came about from the publication by the Putnams of his "Departmental Ditties." These consist of Mr. Kipling's earliest poems, and he is so far prejudiced against their perpetuation that he has not included them in the "Outward Bound" edition of his works which is being compiled by himself. It said that the Putnam firm also incurred his displeasure by including in their edition "The Ken of Kipling," which is a short

history of his life Mr. Van de Poorten Schwartz ("Maarten land, his wife being an invalid who requires the softer air of southern Europe for her health. Their home, however, is the Castle of Zuylestein, where the author leads the ife of a country gentleman, which he loves best of all, industriously attending to his farms, his blooded stock and his duties as one of the social magnates of the district. For he is a rich man, and literature but his avocation. A new book from his pen. name of which has not yet been divulged, will be published in this country early in the

Mrs. Edith Wharton, the author of "The Greater Inclination," was Miss Edith Jones before her marriage to Edward R. Whar-Philadelphia family. Mrs. Wharton spends her summers at Newport, where she has a cottage, and her winters in New York. where she is well known in the aristocratic circles which make their Washington square. Before Mrs. Wharton came into the notice of the literary public as a writer of exceedingly clever short stories, she had gained a considerable reputation as a poet of more than ordinary

## ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS.

Chief Justice Fuller's pet green parrot "Bonito," the gift of a Mexican minister, calls its owner "papa," greatly to Mr. Fuller's delight.

Miss Florence May Lyon has received the appointment of fellow in botany in University of Chicago for the coming year. She is the only woman fellow in the various science departments. Dr. O. P. Wolcott, of Milwaukee,

practicing physician at the age of ninety-His first vote was cast for John Quincy Adams, and he expects to be on hand at the next Presidential election. Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Lease, who has left the realm of politics to discuss spiritualism. has views of her own concerning the conditions in hades. She said the other day she had no doubt that the men who fed soldiers embalmed beef would be compelled to eat mbalmed beef from the time of their death until Gabriel sounded the trump.

The will of Col. John P. Dameron, of cently, leaving property valued at \$20,000, contained the following singular provision: I have no wife or children, but if any come forward and lay claim to my property they will be given \$25 each on establishment of that fact.

The memorial bas-relief to Miss Varina federacy." which is to be placed on the wall Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church ter model by the artist, G. J. Zolnay, of the pins and adapted to swing out from the New York. The portrait of Miss Davis is

> M. Edouard Rod, the French critic and author, has signally failed in his appreciahe was witnessing the killing of hogs in the stock yards there he fainted at the sight of blood and slaughter. When he was resuseltated they wanted to go on with the performance, but he cried, 'No more, no

The German Emperor has consented to stand as godfather to the twin sons of a coachman at Glesorf. He has also made to have official prestige and a reasonable and history clubs are becoming numerous. ordination of Dr. Briggs, made to Bishop cleaning plates being hinged together and their parents a handsome present of money continuous. One lately organized in Union City, whose Potter, Dr. Clendenin expresses his opinion suspended in the water by means of buoys, and has given permission for the bables to

be christened William the First and William the second. These names will appear n the church register. The twins are the seventh and eighth sons of their parents. The grave of William Dawes, in the King's Chapel burying ground, Boston, is to be suitably marked by the Massachusetts lighted, thus forming a passage for the Society of the Sons of the Revolution. Dawes was one of the two messengers (Paul Revere being the other) who were sent by Warren on the night of April 19, 1775, to warn Lexington and Concord that the British soldiers were coming. A bronze tablet on which are inscribed this and other facts is to be unveiled on Dawes's grave on

the coming anniversary of his exploit. Andrew Dixon, of Kansas, who died the other day, was thus eulogized by a neighbor: "He was the kindest man I ever see. When a neighbor was sick Andy was always around. He would do up the chores, split wood, help inside the house or ride ike h-l for the doctor. He always wanted you to get well, and you knew it by looking at his face. If you would die, Andy would go out there on the hill and dig your grave-if it took him four days, it had to be jus' so. Jus' so long, so deep and so wide,

In a letter to an Ottawa county, Kansas, paper one of the members of General Mac-Arthur's brigade writes from Manila: 'Night before last I was on picket duty all night, and yesterday morning I found that the nigger picket was within a hundred yards of me. After a little talk we both ald down our guns and met between the lines and had a little visit. He said the people in their army did not want to fight us, but they had to or their officers would kill them. He also said that he had not had a bite to eat for three days. I gave him what hardtack I had with me, and it did me more good to see him eat it than if I had eaten it myself. When we parted we shook hands,

and he cried like a baby." 'Laugh, and the world laughs with you.' Says the poet, but that is untrue When you laugh at dull things that were said by your boy, And which seem very funny to you.

-Chicago News.

The shirt waists, the shirt waists, They've captured all the town: In stripes, in checks, in curlycues, In blue, and white, and brown. In spots, in blocks, in wavy lines,

In red, and gray, and green, In yellow, ecru, purple, too, In tapestry and sheen. The shirt waists, the shirt waists, In rainbows half unrolled.

We love 'em, oh, we love 'em for The treasures they enfold. -Cleveland Plain Dealer.

# SHREDS AND PATCHES,

You cannot put a great hope into a small

soul.-J. L. Jones. Anything worth doing in this world is hard do.-Detroit Free Press. All houses where men have lived are

haunted houses .- Longfellow There are times when we seem to have very little influence with ourselves .- Puck. Classical music is the kind that a boy

can hear without trying to whistle it .- Emma Carleton. Nothing is so indicative of deepest culture as a tender consideration of the ignorant .-- Emerson

If a man has a bright child he at once airs his belief in the doctrine of heredity. -Feminine Observer

Some folks are so afraid of irreverence that they won't take their religion into their everyday life.-Bede's Budget. When a man marries a very neat housekeeper he begins to find that he is run a good deal like clockwork .- Atchison Globe.

There is nobody who can believe in mind

reading without shuddering at what people would discover about him .- The Bachelor. No man has any real idea of the length of a minute until his wife makes him wait ten of them before he takes off a mustard know how to arrange his stock to the best plaster.-New York Press.

Possession is a great thing, but temporary use of the other fellow's possessions often gives more pleasure than the owner gets from them.-Penny Magazine. The average woman gets her first impres-

sion of masculine hyprocrisy from the

things her husband tells her about

other men she knows .- The Bachelor. There is an emanation from the heart in genuine hospitality which cannot be described, but is immediately felt, and puts the stranger at once at his ease.-Irving. It is not so easy for a woman to be mas-She may wear a man's hat, collar and tie and all that, but when it comes to having a headache and making as much fuss about it as a man would she is likely to

#### fall down .- Detroit Journal. The Rage for Publicity.

G. S. Street, in Pall Mall Magazine. Yes, we are growing very public. Lack of respect for private life and private friendship is a serious part of publicity-a part which really matters. Stories and tittle-tattle about the great, or the merely known matter far less when they do not proceed from friends and relations, but we have a sufficiency of them. The matter goes farther, indeed, for many papers are full of the very ordinary proceedings of people known to nobody but their friends, but presumably known by sight to the strange witness; you read how some young man, who is very likely a minor clerk in a bank or a subaltern in a militia regiment, has been "seen walking in Sloane street." Or you read how some half-dozen people, whose reputation is, or should be, entirely private, were "the only men I saw" at the opera. I venture to suggest two improvements on this line. One is that the names should be fictitious; they would mean quite as much as the others to the general public, and an advantage would be that weird and fascinating stories might be told about them without risk of libel accolumns in newspapers to be filled exclusively with their picnics and "at homes. t might end in free publicity being granted, like education, by the state. In this way we all, from Tooting to Tennessee, would have the gratification now enjoyed by the subaltern in Sloane street, of seeing our doings, our shoppings and saunterings, and supper parties, recorded in print, and so at last the spirit of the age would find complete ex-

## Listening to the Preacher.

Ian Maclaren, in Ladies' Home Journal. If it be difficult for some people to listen, it is ten times harder for other people to follow, for it is evident a person may listen and not follow. "Very few are accustomed to think about the same thing, or indeed to think about anything, for thirty minutes; after a brief space their interest flags and they fall behind; they have long ago lost the thread of the preacher's argument and have almost forgotten his subject. The sermon which suits such a desultory mind is one of twenty paragraphs, each paragraph an anecdote or an illustration or a startling idea, so that wherever the hearer joins in he can be instantly at home. Sensible people ought, however, to remember that a series of amusing lantern-slides and a work of severe art are not the same, and if any one s to expound the gospel of Christ worthily he must reason as he goes and ask his hearers to think. The chain may be of gold, but there ought to be links securely fastened together, and a hearer should try them as they pass through his hands. If one does not brace himself for the effort of hearing a sermon he will almost certainly finish up by complaining either that the preacher was dull or that the discourse was disconnected. No sermon is worth hearing into which the preacher has not put his whole strength, and no sermon can be heard aright unless the hearer gives his whole strength also."

## Luxuries of the Steerage.

The immigrant of to-day who travels steerage, or third class, it is better to say, gets about as good accommodations as did passenger who traveled first class fifty years ago. The latest modern improvethe third-class quarters is a ment for piano, and the first steamer to have this 'conversation promoter' aboard sails from-Boston, if you please, and it almost goes without saying that she is a Cunarder, Numerous other improvements and conventences have been added to the ship which takes the pioneer steerage plane, and it's going to make the crossing of this class, and the first and second, also, much happier experiences for the future, for we of us like to feel that everybody aboard has an even chance to be happy whether or not he appreciates it. what will be done for the third-class pas senger fifty years hence? Why, he'll be "dressing for dinner," of course-that tells

## Meadow Frogs.

the story

Ere yet the earliest warbler wakes Of coming spring to tell, From every marsh a chorus breaks,-A choir invisible .-As the' the blossoms underground

A breath of utterance had found. Whence comes the liquid melody? The summer clouds can bring No fresher music from the sky Than here the marshes sing Methinks the mists about to rise

Are chanting their rain propi -John B. Tabb, in May Atlantic